

## CONTROL OF PHILIPPINES.

Favorable Report Made on Measure Introduced in the Senate by Senator Spooner.

### PRESIDENT'S PORTO RICO POLICY UPHELD

Resolution in the House to Pay the War Debt from Cuban Receipts—Pacific Cable to Hawaii, the Philippines and Japan Favored—Other Congressional Proceedings.

Washington, March 6.—The pension appropriation bill (\$145,245,230) was passed in the senate yesterday, and bills were introduced for control of the Philippines and for free trade between the United States and Porto Rico. Thomas R. Bard, the recently-elected senator from California, took the oath of office. The bill of Senator Spooner (Wis.) for control of the Philippines was favorably reported, and is as follows:

"That when all insurrection against the sovereignty and authority of the United States in the Philippine Islands acquired from Spain by the treaty concluded at Paris on the tenth day of December, 1898, shall have been completely suppressed by the military and naval forces of the United States, all military, civil and judicial powers necessary to govern the said islands shall, until otherwise provided by congress, be vested in such person and persons, and shall be exercised in such manner, as the president of the United States shall direct for maintaining and protecting the inhabitants of said islands in the free enjoyment of their liberty, property and religion."

Washington, March 7.—By vote of 44 to 26 the senate yesterday passed the currency reform bill as agreed upon in conference. A resolution was introduced authorizing the president to govern the Philippines until congress shall otherwise provide. Senator Hoar gave notice of an amendment to the diplomatic appropriation bill providing for the payment of \$250,000 to Liliuokalani.

Washington, March 8.—Senator Lodge (Mass.), chairman of the Philippine committee, in a speech in the senate yesterday upheld the president's policy toward the islands, saying it was "at once courageous, wise and patriotic." A favorable report was made on the house bill providing that the revenues collected from Porto Rico be expended on that island.

Washington, March 9.—Formal discussion of the Porto Rico tariff and government bill was begun in the senate yesterday, Senator Foraker (O.) speaking in favor of the measure and Senator Pettus (Ala.) in opposition.

Washington, March 10.—The Hay-Pauncefote treaty, amended so as to give the United States control over the Nicaragua canal, was reported to the senate yesterday, and Senator Lindsay (Ky.) spoke in opposition to the Porto Rican tariff bill.

Washington, March 12.—The senate on Saturday passed the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, after defeating an amendment to give former Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii \$20,000 and an annuity of \$10,000.

### House.

Washington, March 6.—A bill was introduced in the house yesterday to repeal duties on printing paper. Filibustering prevented the passage of a bill to incorporate the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical association.

Washington, March 7.—In the house yesterday a resolution was introduced to deduct from the monthly receipts of Cuba 25 per cent. of the total amount collected until the sum expended by the United States on behalf of Cuba during the war with Spain is paid. A favorable report was made on the bill for a Pacific cable connecting this country with Hawaii, the Philippines and Japan.

Washington, March 8.—The conference report on the currency bill was presented to the house yesterday. The death of Mr. Harmer, of Pennsylvania, was announced, and an adjournment taken as a mark of respect.

Washington, March 9.—In the house yesterday it was decided to vote on the financial bill next Friday. William F. Aldrich (rep.) was given the seat occupied by G. A. Robbins (dem.) from the Fourth district of Alabama.

Washington, March 10.—Mr. Hepburn (la.) introduced a bill in the house yesterday providing that no picture or description of any prize fight or pugilistic encounter or any proposal for betting on a fight shall be transmitted in the mails or by any common carrier engaged in interstate commerce, whether in a newspaper or periodical, or in any other form. The penalty is to be imprisonment not exceeding one year, or fine not exceeding \$1,000. Ninety-seven pension bills were passed.

Washington, March 12.—In the house on Saturday it was agreed to take up the bill providing for the government of Hawaii on April 3, the final vote to be taken on April 5 at four p. m.

### Death List Numbers 47.

Thurmond, W. Va., March 12.—Twelve more bodies were taken from the Red Ash mine during Saturday night. This makes a total of 47 dead bodies taken out and at least two more are known to be in the mine.

### Death of E. J. Phelps.

New Haven, Conn., March 10.—Edward J. Phelps, head of the law department of Yale university and minister to England under President Cleveland, died at his home here, aged 78 years.

### Eight Club Circuit.

New York, March 9.—The National Baseball league will consist of eight clubs this season, the magnates having wiped Baltimore, Louisville, Cleveland and Washington off the slate.

### PROVES HIS LOVE.

Will of the Late Charles L. Davis Gives a Former Sweetheart Valuable Property.

Detroit, March 10.—Mrs. Margaret Schriver Simpson, of 198 Humboldt avenue, this city, who is heir to the bulk of the property, valued at nearly \$150,000, of Charles L. Davis, who died in Pittsburgh, is the wife of Edward F. Simpson, manager of the local office of a Philadelphia publishing company. The fortunate legatee was in no way related to Mr. Davis and had not seen him since she left the "Alvin Joslin" company in 1895.

The will of Mr. Davis contains all the elements of a romance. He had no relatives living, so far as known. He had been married, his first wife being known to the stage as Emma Verne. She died more than 20 years ago in Denver. The acquaintance of Mr. Davis and Margaret Schriver was formed about 16 years ago. Miss Schriver's father was president of the Allegheny Gas company. He became acquainted with Davis at a Masonic meeting and invited him to his home. Some time after the first visit of Mr. Davis to the Schriver home it was arranged that the young girl should be sent to a musical institution. Her musical education extended over a term of several years, and then she was sent to Europe, where she studied under the best masters. After her return, Miss Schriver became a member of the "Alvin Joslin" company. On the road she was paid every possible attention by Mr. Davis. She stopped at the best hotels, Mr. Davis saw that she was provided with a carriage to and from the theater, she had flowers daily, and all these things the young woman thought were given by Mr. Davis, because he was a friend of her father.

When the company was in Chicago Miss Schriver was quartered at the Virginia hotel. There Mr. Davis called on her and made a proposal of marriage. She made no reply. Mr. Davis went away thinking that she was merely taking time to consider and in the end she would consent. His attentions then became more marked. He began to make Miss Schriver gifts of great value. The young actress was much worried over his attentions. The company left Chicago, and soon after Mr. Davis said he was ready to be married. There was only one thing to do. Miss Schriver left the company at once and returned home. A month later she was married to Mr. Simpson. Since that time she has never seen Mr. Davis. That his regard for her was sincere is proved by his will, which was made in 1896, a year after Miss Schriver was married.

### NOT GUILTY.

Mrs. Rachel Putnam and Her Daughter Acquitted of the Murder of Former's Husband.

Hillsdale, March 10.—Mrs. Rachel Putnam and her daughter Sarah are not guilty of the murder of the husband and father. So declared the jury after an hour and a quarter's deliberation. The verdict was received without any demonstration on the part of the audience. Mrs. Putnam shook hands with the jurors and thanked them. Lyman Putnam's body was found in the hay in his barn with wounds on the head. The circumstantial evidence was strong against the two women, and Mrs. Putnam acknowledged on the stand of having poked her husband with a rake handle, thinking him asleep. The theory of the defense was that Putnam was kicked in the head by a horse.

### Peach Buds Killed.

St. Joseph, March 10.—To the surprise of many leading fruit growers in this immediate vicinity, reports have been received here to the effect that a large portion of the peach buds in the Riverside district, four miles southeast of Benton Harbor, are winter killed. C. A. Layman, a veteran grower of the Riverside district, came to Benton Harbor with several branches which contained winter-killed buds. Reports from districts at Berrien Springs say that a portion of buds have been found winter killed. The buds were not killed in the famous St. Joseph lake shore district.

### Votes Against Consolidation.

St. Joseph, March 10.—In order to ascertain the sentiment of the citizens of this city in regard to the agitation for the consolidation of this city and Benton Harbor with several other cities, an official "straw ballot" vote has been in progress for the last week, closing Friday night. It resulted in 217 votes against consolidation and 57 votes in favor of the proposition.

### Must Assess Mortgagees.

Port Huron, March 9.—State Tax Commissioner Freeman has written the Port Huron assessors not to pay any heed to the assignment of mortgages by mortgagees, but to proceed on the theory that assignments are simply for the purpose of avoiding taxation, and to assess the amounts involved as if so much cash.

### Lansing Gets Fair Grounds.

Lansing, March 8.—The Central Michigan Agricultural society has formally deeded its claim to the old state fair grounds in this city to the city of Lansing, reserving the right to hold fairs on the grounds at any time. Steps will be taken to hold a fair this year.

### Suicide Suspected.

Mt. Pleasant, March 10.—William Hawley, aged 32 years, died from an overdose of laudanum. He leaves a widow and two children. It is thought he took the drug with suicidal intent.

### Rose Appointed.

Washington, D. C., March 10.—H. M. Rose has received from Secretary of the Senate Bennett his appointment as chief clerk of the senate, to take effect April 1.

### INSURANCE FIGURES.

Annual Report of the Michigan Commissioner Will Show an Increase in Business.

Lansing, March 12.—Advance sheets of the forthcoming report covering the Michigan business of life, casualty and industrial companies for the year ended December 31, 1899, have been completed by Commissioner Stevens. The statistics show an increase of business over the preceding year. During the year three old-line life, three casualty, seven cooperative and four fraternal companies were authorized to commence business in the state.

The old-line companies during the year wrote in Michigan 17,341 policies and \$26,035,541.71 of insurance. They had in force in the state at the close of the year 74,764 policies and \$146,055,515.77 of insurance. The amount of premiums collected during the year was \$5,223,574.10, and the total losses paid amounted to \$2,086,107.93.

A total of 58,086 policies were written by the industrial companies, the insurance amounting to \$6,061,409, and these companies had in force in the state at the end of the year 111,783 policies and \$12,217,835 of insurance. They collected a total of \$135,092.24 in premiums, and paid \$99,267.50 in losses.

An aggregate of \$100,171,961.67 of insurance was written by the casualty, fidelity and miscellaneous companies, divided as follows: Accident, \$62,361,682; surety, employers' liability, and fidelity, \$27,445,824.82; plate glass, \$1,221,507; miscellaneous, \$9,142,947. The premiums collected by these companies amounted to \$505,155.63, and the losses paid to \$163,746.16.

The total Michigan business of old-line companies, including the industrial business of such companies, was insurance written during the year, \$32,096,950.71; in force at end of year, \$158,272,850.77; premiums collected, \$5,358,666.34; losses incurred, \$2,197,693.67. These figures indicate the following increases over the same items of 1898: Insurance written, \$1,840,658.71; in force, \$13,549,223.77; premiums, \$368,602.34; losses, \$399,376.67.

### ATTORNEYS WITHDRAW.

A Sensational Phase in the Trial of Gen. Marsh—Missing Witness Heard From.

Lansing, March 8.—The trial of Gen. Marsh was brought to an abrupt end Wednesday by the final withdrawal of his attorneys because of the court's denial of their motion for a continuance until May. Judge Wiest was indignant at the attorneys' action and read them a scathing lecture in open court. He assured Marsh that if he was convinced he was in any way a party he would require him to go to trial at once. It, however, being his duty to protect Marsh as well as the people, he decided to grant a postponement until March 20, so that the defendant might procure new counsel. Believing that the conduct of the attorneys was reprehensible, and that they should be punished, the court appointed a committee of prominent state attorneys to present the matter to the supreme court, remarking that if trials can be stopped by such summary conduct it was time the courts knew it officially.

Lansing, March 10.—Capt. W. D. McDonald, the witness for the defense, whose disappearance led to sensational proceedings in the case of Gen. Marsh, returned to Michigan Friday, having learned from the newspapers that he was wanted. The committee appointed to present the conduct of Attorneys Speed and Pope to the supreme court, with a view to having that tribunal inflict a penalty, has arranged to perform that duty early next week. Now that Mr. Speed has admitted that the announcement of withdrawal from the case was merely a trick to gain time, the profession expects the attorneys will be severely dealt with.

### Many Towns Interested.

Lapeer, March 12.—Property owners along the line of the proposed electric road from Oxford to Clifford and beyond are greatly interested. The line will touch at Thomas, Metamora, Hunters Creek, Lapeer, Five Lakes and North Branch. It is to be known as the Oxford, Lapeer & North Branch railway. Simons & Curry, of Detroit, are pushing the scheme and they have interested influential men in the different towns in their project. Each of the above towns will subscribe liberally. A Lapeer gentleman starts the ball rolling with a cash bonus of \$1,000.

### Murder in Detroit.

Detroit, March 11.—Ben Josephson, a locksmith, shot and instantly killed William Popke, a teamster, in his shop on Hastings street Saturday night. Popke had gone to Josephson's shop to interrogate him about an alleged insult offered by him to Popke's wife Saturday afternoon. The men had some words and Josephson suddenly drew a revolver and shot Popke through the heart, killing him instantly. Josephson is under arrest.

### Petition Refused.

Detroit, March 9.—The petition for a grand jury to arraign parties accused in connection with lynching Thomas Evans near Northville was denied in the circuit court by Judge Hosmer. The Evans hanging was by respectable citizens, who were incensed at his immoral conduct. Evans was cut down, resuscitated and removed to Dayton, O.

### Pioneer Passes Away.

Adrian, March 9.—Hon. Brackley Shaw, aged 82, one of Lenawee's prominent and respected pioneers, died at his home in Dover township. Mr. Shaw was well known both in the county and the state, having served one term as representative and two as senator in the state legislature.

### STATE GOSSIP.

Interesting Bits of Information from Many Localities in Michigan.

Onaway is flooded with counterfeit nickels and half dollars.

Another lath mill is to be added to Alpena's list of industries in the spring.

A large basket and veneer factory is among the industrial probabilities at Dexter.

The prospects are good for the erection of a cement factory on the marl lands near Brighton.

John Blunke, of Plymouth, a teamster, was found dead near Sand Hill. He was overcome by the blizzard.

British-Americans at Calumet have raised \$1,000 for the widows and orphans of English soldiers killed in South Africa.

Mrs. Angell, wife of President James B. Angell, of the U. and M., is ill in New York city. Mr. Angell has gone to that city to be with her.

The Lexington News says that several farmers in that county who own sandy lands propose to experiment in the raising of tobacco.

Chester Hoyle of Kalkaska, charged with forgery, has been arrested at Toronto, Canada. He says he is innocent and will fight extradition.

A cheese factory is being erected at Cushing, the farmers of the vicinity having pledged the milk from enough cows to make the venture a success.

Wages of \$35 per month are being offered for men for the woods in the upper peninsula, an increase of about 100 per cent. over the rate paid three years ago.

A business men's improvement society has been organized at Montrose to secure new industries and otherwise push along the business interests of the village.

Duplain and Greenbush townships will be traversed by a free rural mail route from St. Johns, the county seat. It is 30 miles in length and serves about 200 families.

Nearly \$2,000 has been subscribed for the construction of a stone road south of Saginaw a distance of a mile and a quarter, and the interest taken in the project assures its success.

It is believed that the state pardon board will recommend clemency in the case of Dell Swartz, of St. Joseph county, who is doing a life sentence for the murder of Willard Johnson.

Farmers of Burtchville township, St. Clair county, are believers in good roads, and as soon as the frost is out or the ground they will donate 50 days' work in hauling clay and stone.

Ovid's business men are planning to erect a pickle factory at that place in the near future. Committees are inspecting plants at other places to get the benefit of others' experience.

Horse buyers are actively at work in Sanilac county, and farmers who have well-bred animals are having no trouble in disposing of them at top notch prices. The war in South Africa is the main factor in the stiffness of the market.

### AMOUNT INCREASED.

The State Adds \$40,000 to the Fund for Indigent Soldiers of the Spanish War.

Lansing, March 12.—Previous to January 1 Michigan had paid \$185,000 for indigent Spanish war soldiers for medical attendance, nursing, board, etc., while sick after returning from the front. This being insufficient to meet all the claims, an additional appropriation of \$40,000 was made and the soldiers were given until March 1 in which to file their claims. These aggregate \$85,000, and the payment, which will be commenced at once, will be on the basis of 47 per cent., leaving the next legislature to provide for the payment of the remainder.

### Michigan Debaters Win.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 10.—The debate between students of the University of Michigan and of the University of Pennsylvania took place Friday night in the Academy of Music, and was won by the western representatives. The decision of the three judges was unanimous. The subject debated was: "Resolved, That the formation of trusts should be opposed by legislation." Pennsylvania took the affirmative and the Michigan team defended the negative.

### Place for Grand Rapids Man.

Washington, D. C., March 10.—The industrial commission appointed George Clapperton, of Grand Rapids, Mich., as an agent to collect statistics in regard to the amount of state taxes collected in ten different states from corporations organized under their laws and foreign corporations doing business within their borders. He is also directed to report upon the laws in regard to such corporations and other questions of a like nature.

### Farmer Killed.

Vernon, March 9.—George Sample, a well-known and highly respected farmer of Vernon township, while loading saw logs was struck by one of the logs and received serious internal injuries, from which he never fully rallied. In about three hours after the accident occurred he died. A widow and three children are left to mourn his loss.

### To Meet in Port Huron.

Port Huron, March 10.—The Order of the Eastern Star has decided to hold its coming grand lodge convention next October in Port Huron. The meeting was secured through the efforts of the convention and excursion league.

### To Succeed Judge Severns.

Washington, D. C., March 9.—The president sent the following nomination to the senate: George P. Wandy, of Michigan, to be United States district judge for the western district of Michigan.

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